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Still another aspect of the present invention is the transfer rate controller, the packet rate adjusting means makes no change in the frame rate.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 1 and 2:

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Yet another aspect of the present invention is the transfer rate controller, wherein the stream has a plurality of multiplexed data.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 4 and 5:

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Still yet another aspect of the present invention is the transfer rate controller, wherein the stream has no multiplexed data.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 7-8:

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A further aspect of the present invention is the transfer rate controller, wherein the stream is an MPEG transport stream and the packet is a transport packet.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, lines 11-12:

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A still further aspect of the present invention is the transfer rate controller, wherein the packet rate adjusting means controls a transfer rate according to a warning indicative that an overflow is likely to occur in a buffer of a decoder.

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, line 16:

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A yet further aspect of the present invention is a decoding system, comprising:

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, line 24:

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monitor means of monitoring a free space of the buffer and issuing a warning to the transfer rate controller, which transmits the stream, if an overflow is likely to occur in the buffer.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 1 and 5-6:

a¹⁰ A still yet further aspect of the present invention is a medium for storing a program and/or data for allowing a computer to carry out all or some functions of all or some means of the transfer rate controller or the decoding system, wherein the medium is processible by a computer.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 7 and 11:

a¹¹ An additional aspect of the present invention is an information aggregate comprising a program and/or data for allowing a computer to carry out all or some functions of all or some means of the transfer rate controller or the decoding system.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 12 and 14-15:

a¹² A yet additional aspect of the present invention is a transmitting medium for transmitting an MPEG transport stream outputted from the transfer rate controller.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 16 and lines 18-19:

a¹³ A still yet additional aspect of the present invention is a recording medium for recording an MPEG transport stream outputted from the transfer rate controller [according any one of 1st to 7th inventions].

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6, 7 and 9-12as follows:

1 a¹⁴ 6. (Amended) The transfer rate controller according to any one
2 of claims 1 to 3, wherein the stream is an MPEG transport stream and the packet is
3 a transport packet.